

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 18 are pending. The claims have been amended to remove the multiple-claim dependency. Claims 2 to 14 and 15 to 18 have been amended.

The German-language claims have been amended to remove the multiple-claim dependency.

The application/specification is in the German-language. The priority paragraph, in English, has been inserted.

The Abstract in English has been supplied on a separate sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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